

New law requires each political subdivision to designate at least one person to provide information, notices, and updates to employees and officials of the political subdivision and to assist the Board of Ethics as necessary to fulfill the requirements of prior law requiring ethics education and educational activities, seminars, and publications relative to ethics and conflicts of interest.

Prior law required each public servant to receive at least one hour of ethics training each year and requires each registered legislative or executive branch lobbyist to receive at least one hour of training relative to lobbying and relevant ethics provisions each year. Prior law provided that if the Board of Ethics discovers a public servant has failed to complete the required training, the board shall send a notice of noncompliance by certified mail and the public servant has 30 days after receipt to complete the required training. Specified that if the training is completed prior to the deadline, no penalties shall be assessed against the public servant.

New law adds a provision for the board to send a lobbyist who has failed to complete required training a notice of noncompliance. Further changes the time a person has to complete the training from 30 days after receipt of the notice to 45 days from the mailing of the notice. Specifies that if the training is completed prior to the deadline, no penalties shall be assessed against the person.

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